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Summer is in full swing and communities across the nation celebrate with parties, fireworks, and family time in the local park - truly one of the best of summer activities. Cottonwood Heights' 2008 edition of Butlerville Days was another rousing success. Although it's been only 3 1/2 years since we became a city, we've just completed the fourth Butlerville Days Celebration. This year's Chairs were Marty & Mary Jane Vuyk.

The city Historical Committee in conjunction with the new Bicycle Advisory Committee organized the 2nd Annual Historical Bike Ride. It began at 7 a.m. at Guthrie Skate Park and proceeded to the old Butler School Bell Tower (near the LDS Chapel at 2700 East Fort Union Blvd.) Those wanting an easy morning ride, or having smaller children in

tow, then returned to the skate park. Those wanting a more rigorous adventure were provided a route that went down by the Old Mill, up a few hills, and worked its way back through local neighborhoods to the starting point.

The parade was a bigger success as well. Riding in the first (of many) new CHPD cars, it looked to me like the number of those watching the parade increased by almost half over previous years. There were likewise more floats, kids, and other entries. The only thing we had less of was CANDY!! I promise we'll get more next year so that sweet tooth will be satisfied!!! After the parade, many participants took advantage of running under the Fire Hose Spray at the end of the parade route. That section of the soccer fields won't need any extra water for a while!

The Auto Show this year was also bigger and better. Included was a very popular display of CHPD vehicles that will be going into service September 1st. At City Council Meeting on July 22nd, Officer Heath Lowry, Project Manager for creation

of the CHPD, updated the Council and the public on the readiness of the new department. In short, the new Police Department is ready to go now, and is \$500,000 under budget. (The city is sponsoring a Public Safety Fair on September 11th in the parking lot at the City Office. Those attending will have opportunity to tour the new Police Station.)

Ticket sales for the Butlerville Days inflatable rides were brisk, and even caused the rides to be open a little longer than planned. The Old Fashioned games area was also popular and I think I even saw a picture of the Mayor face-deep in the pie-eating contest! Maybe that was just before he hit the dunk tank...?

In the Teen Area by Guthrie Skate Park, activities kicked off right at 4:00 pm with the skating demo by Milo Sports. There was also a Watermelon Drop about 6:45 pm. Dropping a watermelon from the top of the fire truck's 105' ladder is fun to watch. Jan Bates won the contest to guess how big a "splat" would be made. Farthest rind from point of impact was 124' this year! Devon

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## CHPD BULLETIN

### Introducing Personnel Hired to Date

It was announced last month that five Sergeants and some civilian personnel had been hired for the new CHPD. Those Sergeants, a Corporal, and one of the civilian employees, the Administrative Assistant to the Chief, have all started working and are preparing to begin training the remaining 26 Officers and the civilian employees who have been hired, but won't start until mid-August.

Cpl. Heath Lowry has been working as the Project Director for the creation of the new department and will begin functioning as one of two Corporals, along with the additional officers who are starting in mid-August. Cpl. Lowry met with the City Council in their regularly scheduled Business Meeting on Tuesday, July 22, and announced that all 125 tasks are completed with the exception of

those having to do with training and equipping the new officers. All cars are delivered and ready to go as are the computers, weapons, and other equipment needed to fully outfit each officer that will be working in Cottonwood Heights' neighborhoods.

CHPD begins providing law enforcement for Cottonwood Heights on Monday, Sept. 1, 2008 (Labor Day). A Safety Fair (detail elsewhere in this issue) is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 11, at which city residents may meet many of the new officers and tour the new Police Department facilities.

The new department will consist of 34 sworn officers: Chief Robbie Russo, Assistant Chief Paul Brenneman, 5 Sergeants, 2 Corporals, and 25 Patrol Officers. There will also be three civilian support staff. The Chief and Assistant Chief have

been introduced in previous issues of the NEWS JOURNAL. This issue contains bio's and photos of the five Sergeants, one Corporal, and one civilian employee:

**Sgt. Mark Askerlund** is a 1972 graduate of Brighton High School and began his law enforcement career as a Reserve with West Valley PD in 1980. After two years on Reserve, he became a full time police officer with SLCPD where his assignments included: Patrol, Detective, Vice, Bicycle Squad, Foot Patrol, Intelligence, Internal Affairs, Special Investigations, SWAT, and Watch Command. He currently resides in Harriman with his wife Julie. They have four children and eight grand-children.



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## HELP AVOID CYCLING ACCIDENTS

Mayor Cullimore recently received a letter from a lady who is an avid bicycle rider and has been a road cyclist for several years. She has ridden on many charity rides and for other important causes. She told of her experience on a ride in eastern Utah, on July 4th, when she was hit by a car that was passing, in violation of state law, less than three feet from the bikers. The car struck her from behind, knocking her to the ground unconscious and causing severe trauma, including deep lacerations and back injuries.

Her experience accentuates the importance of automobile drivers allowing cyclists the three feet required by state law, when passing them on a roadway. Incidents such as this have resulted in the formation of a Bicycle Advisory Committee in Cottonwood Heights that has been charged with advising the council on bicycle safety issues and actively organizing bicycle events and safety programs for the city.

The Cottonwood Heights' Bicycle Advisory Committee was formed in May of this year and has already been involved in a Butlerville Days Historical Bicycle Ride. In cooperation with the City's Historical Committee, the Bicycle Committee laid out two routes for cyclists of all skills, to ride on the morning of July 24th. They rode first from the Skate Park to the Old Bell Tower (2700 East Fort Union

Blvd.); then, those who were more advanced continued on to The Old Mill, along Old Mill Road in the gully between Fort Union Blvd., Wasatch Blvd., and the 6200 South/3000 East Intersection, then back to the skate park.

Many riders participated in the Second Annual Historical Bike Ride and not only got some early morning exercise on Pioneer Day, but also learned some historical facts about Cottonwood Heights.

Other events and Bicycle Safety programs are planned for the future and the committee invites interested bikers to join the fun. The committee meets monthly and the next meeting will be announced on the city website. For more information, including minutes of past meetings, go to the city website, [www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](http://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov).



## MORGAN BRIM

Morgan Brim has been hired as a Planning Technician for the city. He has a BS from the "U" in Urban Planning and has worked as a draftsman for North Salt Lake City. He also worked in the Ivins City Planning Dept. as a summer intern. Morgan is the only boy in a family of 11 children and grew up in Las Vegas where he attended UNLV. He plans to attend graduate school and study Urban Planning/Design or Architecture following his employment with Cottonwood Heights. He's a skier and mountain biker.



## New CERT Classes are Forming Now!

We know you've been waiting patiently and we're happy to say that our next class has been scheduled! CERT training is being provided by Unified Fire Authority, and will prepare you to protect your family and aid others in times of disaster. Topics addressed include: Awareness, Fire Safety, Emergency Medical Skills, Emergency Organizational Skills, and Light Search and Rescue procedures.

Our next course runs three consecutive Saturdays: October 18th and 25th, from 8am to 5pm and November 1st from 8am to 1pm. CERT training will be held at the Cottonwood Heights City Office at 1265 East Fort Union Boulevard, Suite 300.

The City will provide Cottonwood Heights Citizens with backpacks for their equipment upon completion of the course. The training cost is \$30, which covers the course manual and handouts, first aid gear, helmet, safety vest and particulate mask. Payment of cash or check made payable to Unified Fire Authority or UFA is required at the first class.

To learn more you may call 944-7000, or visit [www.unifiedfire.org](http://www.unifiedfire.org). Pre-Registration is required and may be completed online.



Jay Fernley (left), County Emergency Planning Office and Roger Kehr, Cottonwood Heights' Emergency Communications Director, discuss emergency planning near the city's CERT trailer at Butlerville Days display."

## POLICE | FIRE | EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

# PUBLIC SAFETY FAIR

## September 11<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm

where:

The City Office 1265 East Ft. Union

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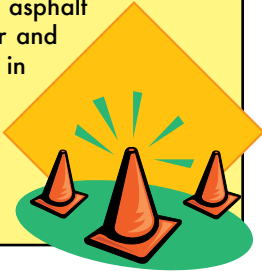
**PUBLIC WORKS—OBSERVATIONS AND PROJECTS**

August is more of the same in the Public Works Department; although the phenomenal increase in petroleum product prices has had a major impact on planned projects. Kevin Smith, City Public Works Director, has reported that the price per ton of asphalt has increased significantly, and over night in some instances. This, of course, impacts planned projects as the city’s budget is set and moving dollars around requires council action and finding more dollars is almost impossible. However, the planned summer projects are continuing, although some are delayed. The Qwest cable extension projects on Bengal, Wasatch and other streets should have been completed by now, but road patching still hasn’t been done in some areas. The same is true of the pipe installation along Union Park Drive between Fort Union and Creek Road. The city will work with these utilities as they deal with the asphalt shortages so road use can be restored as soon as possible.

The City is also embarking on an ambitious pavement preservation program where effort will focus on preserving newer pavements and preventing degradation, rather than waiting for roads to deteriorate before doing an overlay. For example, treating new overlays, such as Nantucket, when there are other roads in worse condition. Looking at the city as a whole, over a long period of time, this will provide better and newer looking roads and road dollars will be stretched.

Projects to watch for this month include:

- Beginning of construction on the first phase of the Big Cottonwood Canyon Trail (from I-215 to 3000 East, through the Old Mill Corporate Center). The contractor starts on August 11th.
- Paving Fort Union Blvd, between 1495 East and 2000 East (starting this Fall and lasting about 4 weeks). The asphalt shortage impacts this project more than any other and bids will be tailored around the asphalt shortages in order to achieve the greatest cost-benefit to the City. By being flexible on the start date, the City may save money. It may even be pushed back to early spring.



**Cottonwood Heights Selected for Children’s Study**

A section of Cottonwood Heights has been selected as a study area for the Salt Lake County Children’s Health Study which will begin next spring. The study is designed to learn how environment impacts the health of children throughout their lives. Children will be followed from pre-birth to age 21 and the findings will be used to help understand childhood diseases such as asthma, autism, and diabetes. The Salt Lake County Study will observe 1,250 families from different areas of the county and will be part of a National Study of more than 100,000 families.

Dr. Edward Clark, Chair of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Utah and Medical Director of Primary Children’s Medical Center, is the principle investigator for the Salt Lake County Study. He indicated that preliminary work will be done

beginning on August 4, 2008, in the selected Cottonwood Heights’ area. The first phase of the study is called “listing.” and consists of staff members walking through the study area and recording dwelling addresses. There will be very little interaction with residents, but workers will be able to provide identification and answer questions for interested parties.

Cottonwood Heights is collaborating with the Health Study to ensure that it runs smoothly and that residents are kept apprised of activity within the community. Those with questions are invited to contact City Manager Liane Stillman (944-7010 or lstillman@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov) or Pamela Silberman, Director of Community Relations for the Salt Lake County Study at (801) 213-3295.



**August City Council Meeting Schedule**

All City Council business meetings are held in the council chambers, 1265 East Fort Union Blvd., Ste. 300. The work meetings are held in the conference room at the same address but in Ste. 250. The meeting schedule is as follows:

- **Tuesday, Aug. 5**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, Aug. 12**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)  
7 p.m. Business Meeting
- **Tuesday, Aug. 19**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting
- **Tuesday, Aug. 26**  
6 p.m. Work Meeting (*reconvenes following business meeting*)  
7 p.m. Business Meeting – CHPD Officer’s Swearing In Ceremony

**PUBLIC HEARING SET FOR ZONING ORDINANCE CHANGES**

Wednesday, September 3rd, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. has been set as the day and time for a Public Hearing on proposed amendments to the Cottonwood Heights’ Zoning Ordinance. Residents are encouraged to attend and participate in the discussion with the Planning Commission at its regularly scheduled meeting. In announcing the Public Hearing, City Planning Director Michael Black stated: “Public comment will be welcomed at this hearing; and for those who want advance information on the proposed changes, copies will be available at the city offices, 1265 Fort Union Blvd, Suite 250, and on the city website: [www.cottonwoodheightscity.com](http://www.cottonwoodheightscity.com) beginning on August 1st.”

**The proposed amendments are summarized as follows:**

- All residential zone chapters will be reviewed for possible changes to permitted and conditional uses. These changes affect the types of

activities allowed in residential areas. Required setbacks for accessory buildings, affecting how close to property lines owners can build, will also be considered. Possible changes include allowances for Bed & Breakfasts, sportsman’s kennels, home occupations, day care centers, golf courses, etc. A list of the chapters affected can be found on the website.

- Supplementary and Qualifying Regulations (Chapter 19.76), is also being considered for changes. For example, changes to the regulations controlling construction mitigation for infill developments would impact the standards required for builders within existing neighborhoods.

Those wanting to make written comment are invited to email: Michael Black at [mblack@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](mailto:mblack@cottonwoodheights.utah.gov). Michael can be reached for comment at 944-7066.

**4th Annual Butlerville Days - Cont’d page 1**

Devon Earl won the Sand-Castle Building Contest, and there were performances from three teen bands on the Teen Stage.

As usual, things wrapped up at about 9:30 pm with “Thank You’s” from the main stage for the thousands of hours put in by those that made it all possible. A nice rendition of the Star Spangled Banner, followed by an awesome fireworks show, rounded out the evening. Many fireworks from fields, while to watch from in all, it was a event. Thanks Jane for making remember.







## CHPD CONT'D from page 1

**Sergeant Dave Broadhead** began his law enforcement career in 1982 with the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department where he worked at Men's Central Jail and Norwalk Station. He was a Field Training Officer and Narcotics Detective until 1990 when he moved his family to Utah. He was employed by the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office from 1990-2008, working in Narcotics, Patrol, and Community Oriented Policing. He became a Sergeant in 2001 and was a supervisor in Patrol, Detectives, Crime Scene Unit, and Drug Court Unit. He retired from the Sheriff's Office in July of this year and is now a Sergeant with CHPD. He will supervise the Detective Squad. Sergeant Broadhead and his wife Sharon have been married 23 years. They have four children, ages 13 to 21.



**Sergeant Chris Gebhardt** will serve as the Administrative/SWAT Sergeant in the CHPD. He will also be the city's IT Manager. He began his law enforcement career in 1988 in New York State. He later worked as a Lieutenant for the Washington, DC, Metropolitan Police Dept. where he was nationally recognized in law enforcement as a technology expert. Sgt. Gebhardt has worked for Taylorsville PD and as a Senior Officer for the Park City PD. He is a mountain bike enthusiast.



**Sergeant Scott Peck** comes to Cottonwood Heights from the Draper City PD where he was employed for the past 5 years. He grew up in Taylorsville and graduated from Cottonwood High School. He served in the Utah National Guard 19th Special Forces unit and served an LDS mission in Kentucky. He began his law enforcement work with Midvale PD, then moved to SLCPD where he worked for 20 years. He worked in Patrol, Motors, Detectives, SWAT and CSI. After retiring from SLCPD he helped form Draper City's new police department. Scott has been married 23 years and he and his wife have four children, ages 14 – 22.



**Sergeant Gary M. Young** began as a police officer with the West Valley PD in 1987. In 1992 he moved to the Salt Lake City PD. He became a Sergeant in 2000 and a Lieutenant in 2004. He retired from the SLCPD in June of 2008 in order to pursue a career with CHPD. He also serves in the US Navy Reserve and was deployed to Central Iraq in 2007 for Operation Iraqi Freedom. He is married and has four children.



**Corporal Heath Lowry** grew up in Rapid City, South Dakota. He has been married to his wife Dorene for 21 years and they have four children. Before becoming a police officer he served for 9 years as a bomb technician in the U.S. Army. From July 1993 until April 2008, he worked as a deputy sheriff with the Salt Lake County Sheriff's Office. His assignments included collision reconstruction on the Major Accident Team, and as a project manager in the Communications Division. He also worked on patrol and has worked in the Cottonwood Heights' Precinct for three years as a traffic investigator. In April, Heath contracted with the city as the CHPD Project Manager. He implemented and coordinated the organizational efforts for the new CHPD.



## IF THE CITY DIDN'T RAISE TAXES, WHY ARE MINE HIGHER?



We all received our "2008 Notice of Property Valuation and Tax Change" right after the 22nd of July, and many of us noticed our taxes have increased. There are a number of important things about this notice with which you should become familiar, but the bottom line is that your 2008 taxes increased or decreased because the Salt Lake County Assessor's estimate of the Market Value of your home increased or decreased. A quick look at the two numbers in the smaller boxes under the column's headed "Last Year's (2007) Market Value" and "This Year's (2008) Market Value" will tell you whether the Assessor estimated the Market Value of your property to be higher or lower than last year. If the total is higher, your taxes went up. If it's lower, your taxes went down.

By comparing the three columns in the center of the notice, one can determine which political subdivision(s) may have increased taxes for their constituents. If the numbers in columns 2 and 3 are the same, then that particular taxing entity did not increase taxes. If the

number in column 3 is larger than the number in column 2, then that particular taxing entity is proposing a tax increase. It's also important to understand that, even though your taxes increased, the total amount of revenue to the city did not increase, other than from new growth in the city. State law prohibits political entities from receiving windfall revenue from the Assessor's valuation increase.

The property tax system in Utah is complex at best and there is not adequate space in this article to attempt to explain Market Values, Certified Tax Rates, Judgment Levies, Taxing Entities, and other aspects of property taxes and taxing entity budgets. As explained above, it's easy to determine why your taxes increased, if they did, but based on the notices we recently received, COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS CITY DID NOT INCREASE TAXES for 2008. If your 2008 taxes are higher, it's because the estimate of the market value of your home was increased by the County Assessor.

## TELL THE CITY WHAT YOU THINK...

Most of us never make it to city council meeting, nor do we contact our elected officials, unless we don't like something we've heard. It's just too much effort. So--- the city is offering you a chance to voice your opinion by spending a couple of minutes on-line and checking some boxes that reflect what you think about city streets, city events, and the new CHPD. Merely go to the city's website: [www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov](http://www.cottonwoodheights.utah.gov) and click on Qualtrics Survey. City officials are interested in your opinion about such things as: What characteristics do you admire in a police officer? What do you consider good policing? Which city events have you attended? What do you think of street maintenance and snow removal in Cottonwood Heights? Take a minute to answer these, and a couple of other questions, and give your city officials some feedback. Your opinions are important for training and planning.

## BIG THANKS TO BUTLERVILLE DAYS COMMITTEE

Under the able supervision of long-time Cottonwood Heights' residents Marty and Mary Jane Vuyk, this year's Butlerville Days Committee succeeded at presenting a bigger and better celebration for us to enjoy. There were more events, more parade entries, more parade viewers, more entertainers, more games and rides participants, more fireworks, and literally hundreds of people sitting on the Butler Park lawn to watch the fireworks.

Thanks to the Vuyk's and the many committee members (some of whom have served in the same capacities for two, three, or four years), for their untiring effort in making our city celebration as good as it can be. Once again, the only people that didn't enjoy our "...Days" were those that didn't attend.

Special thanks also to the sponsors who provided funds and supplies for the entertainment and many of the contests and exhibits (i.e. pies, watermelons, advertising, etc.). Sponsors included: MOUNTAIN AMERICA CREDIT UNION, Headline Sponsor; CWH RECREATION CENTER, GRANITE CONSTRUCTION, BECKSTRAND AND ASSOC., and DAN'S FOODS, Major Gold Sponsors; CAPITOL HILL ADVISORS and QWIK COPY, Silver

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Without the help of these sponsors, the committee, and volunteers, Butlerville Days would not happen. On behalf of the City Council and residents of Cottonwood Heights, the NEWS JOURNAL thanks those who organized and carried-out Butlerville Days, 2008. Committee members, in addition to the Vuyk's, were: Lisa Walker, Brian Allen, Geoff and Margaret Armstrong, Tim Williams, Jackie Campbell, Ken Jennings, Kim Horiuchi, Melissa Lowry, Ryan Woolston, Wyatt Davis, Lorraine Turner, Mardi Lessey, Mike Peterson, Dan Morzelewski, Tom Eatchel, Jeff Williams, Kevin Cromar, Sylvia Orton, Mike Watson, Allen Greenberg, Troy Carr, Ted Neff, Jim Bacon, Ron Fullmer, Ted Jorgensen, city staff members Susannah Hutchins, Paul Brenneman, and Kevin Smith, and Councilman Scott Bracken. Much of the volunteer work was handled by members of the Youth City Council, along with many other city residents, young and younger.